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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government appointed an inquiry Committee in 2003- 2004 to inquire into the conduct of HOD of Social Sciences in the NCERT;

(b) if so, the name of members of the committee and the terms of reference and duration of the committee alongwith the findings of the committee; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against the HOD of the Social Sciences?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) No, Sir. However a Fact Finding Committee was set up in September 2003 to examine matters relating to the authorship of certain history textbooks by Prof. Arjun Dev former HOD Social Sciences and other co-authors.

(b)& (c) A Fact Finding Committee consisting of Sh. R.C. Tripathi, former Seretary General, Rajya Sabha, Dr. D.N. Tripathi, Prof. and Head (Retd.), Department of History, Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (UP) and Prof. Ramesh Ghanta, Dean of Education, Kakatiya University, Warangal, AP was set up. The Fact Finding Committee was to enquire into the authorship of certain history textbooks by Prof. Arjun Dev and Smt. Indira Arjun Dev alongwith Sh. Namwar Singh, Girish Mishra, Jag Mohan and B. Ganguly as co-authors. The Fact Finding Committee was expected to give its report within six months. This period was extended upto 30.06.2004 by which time the Committee had had 23 sitting. However a report and not been finalized. Taking all factors into consideration it was decided with the approval of the competent authority to close the matter.